

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, and 8-10. The status of all claims is as follows:

cl. 1. (Currently Amended) A magnetic head comprising:

a magnetoresistance film;

~~a flux guide formed so as to overlap said magnetoresistance film, said flux guide being out of plane with said magnetoresistance film, the flux guide guiding a signal magnetic field from a magnetic recording medium to said magnetoresistance film; and~~
guiding a signal magnetic field from a magnetic recording medium to said magnetoresistance film, wherein a part of a surface of the magnetoresistance film overlaps a part of a surface of the flux guide, and wherein the surface of the magnetoresistive film is not an edge of the magnetoresistance film and the surface of the flux guide is not an edge of the flux guide;

a flux-guide regulating film aligning magnetic domains of said flux guide into a single magnetic domain.

2. (Original) The magnetic head as claimed in claim 1, wherein said flux guide is formed as a separate element from said magnetoresistance film.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The magnetic head as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of sides and surfaces of said flux-guide regulating film is magnetically connected with said flux guide.

5. (Original) The magnetic head as claimed in claim 1, wherein said flux-guide regulating film is one of a highly coercive-force film and an antiferromagnetic film.

6. (Original) The magnetic head as claimed in claim 1, wherein said flux-guide regulating film also aligns magnetic domains of said magnetoresistance film into a single magnetic domain.

7. (Original) The magnetic head as claimed in claim 1, wherein said magnetoresistance film is a magnetoresistance film of one of a spin-valve type and a tunnel-junction type.

8. (Currently Amended) A magnetic reproducing device comprising:

a magnetic head including:

a magnetoresistance film;

a flux guide formed so as to overlap out of plane with said

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film, the flux guide guiding a signal magnetic field from a magnetic recording medium to said magnetoresistance film; and guiding a signal magnetic field from a magnetic recording medium to said magnetoresistance film, wherein a part of a surface of the magnetoresistance film overlaps a part of a surface of the flux guide, and wherein the surface of the magnetoresistive film is not an edge of the magnetoresistance film and the surface of the flux guide is not an edge of the flux guide; and

a flux-guide regulating film aligning magnetic domains of said flux guide into a single magnetic domain.

9. (Currently Amended) A magnetic head comprising:

a magnetoresistance film;

a flux guide guiding a signal magnetic field from a magnetic recording medium to said magnetoresistance film; and

a flux-guide regulating film aligning magnetic domains of said flux guide into a single magnetic domain,

wherein said flux guide is formed ~~out of plane with and as a part of~~ from said magnetoresistance film and has a reduced thickness compared to said magnetoresistance film.

10. (Currently Amended) A magnetic reproducing device comprising:

a magnetic head including:

a magnetoresistance film;

a flux guide guiding a signal magnetic field from a magnetic recording medium

to said magnetoresistance film; and

a flux guide regulating film aligning magnetic domains of said flux guide into a single magnetic domain,

wherein said flux guide is formed ~~out of plane with and as a part of~~ from said magnetoresistance film and has a reduced thickness compared to said magnetoresistance film.